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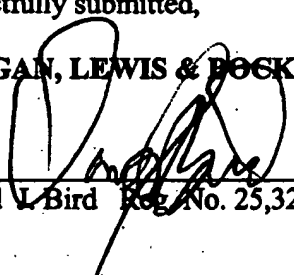
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**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONSIDERATION
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the references cited in the Form PTO-1449 filed on August 15, 2001. This August 15, 2001 Form PTO-1449 was included with this application as filed, and formally cites in this application the references cited in the International Search Report. It is understood that the Examiner will necessarily review the references cited in the International Search Report, copies of which are forwarded by the International Bureau. However, it is respectfully requested that the August 15, 2001 Form PTO-1449 be initialed to acknowledge such consideration and returned to the undersigned, in order to insure that these references are cited on the issued patent.

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